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Subject: How did this come about

I have owned a private software company for 20 years and have watched Microsoft closer than most anybody else.

Judge Jackson saw all the evidence. He was best positioned to offer a penalty. Everything that happened since his final ruling is very unfortunate for the software industry.

Microsoft must be stopped while there is still a software industry. But now I fear it is too late

I am very disappointed in this settlement.

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